

Application No.: 10/673,560**Docket No.: 2038-298****AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-2. (canceled)

3. (previously presented) A package of disposable diapers, comprising:
a bag made of a flexible sheet including a pair of opposing side walls; and
a plurality of disposable diapers each having a waist-hole, a pair of leg-holes, front and rear waist regions opposed to each other and a crotch region extending between said front and rear waist regions, wherein each of said diapers further includes a liquid-absorbent core extending between said front and rear waist regions, said diapers being packed within said bag;

wherein

each of said diapers has waist-lateral portions and an intermediate portion extending between said waist-lateral portions, said waist-lateral portions being folded inward between themselves together with lateral portions of said core toward a longitudinal center line bisecting a width dimension defined between edges of said waist-lateral portions;

said diapers are arranged in one direction to form a row between said side walls of said bag with waist middle portions of said diapers in close contact one with another and in a state of compression; and

a force in a range of 10 to 75 N is exerted inward upon said row of said diapers in said one direction between said side walls of said bag so that a force of 18 N or lower is enough to draw one of said diapers out from said row.

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4-10. (canceled)

11. (currently amended) A package of disposable diapers, comprising:
a flexible bag ; and
a plurality of folded disposable diapers compressively packed within said bag;
wherein each of said diapers includes front and rear waist regions and a crotch region
extending between said front and rear waist regions,
transversely opposite lateral portions of the front and rear waist regions being attached to
each other to form a waist hole and a pair of leg holes,
said transversely opposite lateral portions of the front and rear waist regions being folded
inwardly of the diaper along a pair of folding lines, respectively, and
each of said folding lines intersecting with an edge of one of said leg holes; and

The package according to claim 1, wherein the folded diapers are arranged to form a row between two opposing side walls of said bag, said diapers in said row being compressively packed with a compressive force in a range of 10 to 75 N exerted inwardly upon said diapers from said side walls of said bag, so that a force of 18 N or lower is sufficient to draw one of said folded diapers out of said row.

12. (previously presented) A package of disposable diapers, comprising:
a flexible bag ; and
a plurality of folded disposable diapers compressively packed within said bag;
wherein each of said diapers includes front and rear waist regions and a crotch region
extending between said front and rear waist regions,
transversely opposite left and right lateral portions of the front waist region being attached
to transversely opposite left and right lateral portions of the rear waist region, respectively, to form
a waist hole, a left leg hole, and a right leg hole,
said attached left lateral portions of the front and rear waist regions being folded along a left

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folding line and tucked inwardly of the diaper,

said attached right lateral portions of the front and rear waist regions being folded along a right folding line and tucked inwardly of the diaper to overlap the folded and inwardly tucked left lateral portions of the front and rear waist regions.

13. (previously presented) The package according to claim 12, wherein each of said diapers further includes a liquid-absorbent core extending from said front waist region to said rear waist region via said crotch region, and transversely opposite lateral portions of said core are also folded inwardly together with the transversely opposite lateral portions of the front and rear waist regions.

14. (previously presented) The package according to claim 12, wherein the folded diapers are arranged to form a row between two opposing side walls of said bag, said diapers in said row being compressively packed with a compressive force in a range of 10 to 75 N exerted inwardly upon said diapers from said side walls of said bag, so that a force of 18 N or lower is sufficient to draw one of said folded diapers out of said row.

15. (previously presented) The package according to claim 12, wherein each of said diapers is folded compactly and flatly to have a generally uniform thickness as seen in the direction of said row.

16. (previously presented) The package according to claim 12, wherein each of said folding lines is a straight line closer to a central longitudinal axis of said diaper than a bonding region where the respective lateral portions of the front and rear waist regions are attached.

17. (previously presented) The package according to claim 12, wherein each of said folded diapers has an outer contour defined by an edge of the waist hole, the folding lines, and a

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bottom line of said crotch region, wherein edges of the leg holes do not form part of the outer contour of said folded diaper.

18. (previously presented) The package according to claim 12, wherein, in each of said folded diapers, an entire edge of each of said leg holes is completely tucked inwardly of the folded diaper without any part being exposed.

19. (previously presented) The package according to claim 12, wherein, each of said folded diapers is a pants-type diaper having the transversely opposite lateral portions of the front and rear waist regions being permanently attached to each other.

20. (previously presented) The package according to claim 12, wherein said bag has a box shape comprising a top wall, a bottom wall and four side walls connecting the top and bottom walls, said bag further comprising a handle at the top wall, said handle being made integrally with and from the same material as said top, bottom, and side walls.